

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MERLE NICHOLS on behalf of himself
and all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

GEICO GENERAL INSURANCE
COMPANY, a foreign automobile
insurance company,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:18-cv-01253-TL

ORDER OF REFERENCE

This action is assigned to the Honorable Tana Lin, United States District Judge. All future documents filed in this case must bear the cause number 2:18-cv-01253-TL-SKV. The Court has reviewed the files and records herein and determined that certain pretrial matters are appropriate to refer to a Magistrate Judge as described below.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A) and Local Magistrate Judge Rule (“MJR”) 3(a), the Court hereby refers to Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan all non-dispositive pretrial matters,

1 other than those matters excluded by 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(A). Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
2 72(a) governs any objections to Magistrate Judge Vaughan's rulings concerning any non-
3 dispositive motions. *See also* MJR 3(b). Magistrate Judge Theiler is no longer assigned.

4 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS that the above-entitled action be referred to Magistrate
5 Judge Vaughan for the specific purposes and types of motions described herein. The Court
6 further DIRECTS and EMPOWERS Magistrate Judge Vaughan to conduct hearings and make further
7 necessary orders consistent with 28 U.S.C. § 636, the local rules, and this Order.

8 Dated this 6th day of May 2022.

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Tana Lin
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